

Your Chamber Membership is an Investment in Our Community

Your investment as a member of the Benzie County Chamber of Commerce plays an important role in the economic business life of our community. Simply being a member does have its advantages. A sensible strategy to staying ahead in our rapidly changing world is to utilize our many benefits.

For example:

- Free listing on the Chamber website (www.benzie.org) with a free link to your website.
- Free use of the Chamber standard or first class bulk mailing permit.
- Free use of the Chamber conference room.
- Reduced insurance rates for business, home and car.
- Low cost email blasts to over 430 Chamber members.
- Legislative up-dates and advocacy representation.
- Networking opportunities at Business After Hours and Chamber events.
- Chamber membership dues may be tax deductible as a business expense.

For a complete list of Chamber benefits, please visit our website at www.benzie.org/Member_Benefits.htm or contact the office for more detailed information about the benefits available to you.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the 280 members that have already renewed their 2009-2010 membership. And once again, we welcome our 33 new members. If you have any questions regarding your Chamber membership, do not to hesitate to contact Mary Carroll at 231-882-5801.

Benzie Vegas Night

The Benzie County Chamber of Commerce Events Committee is pleased to announce the first **Benzie Vegas Night** event to be held on Saturday, August 22nd from 6 to 9pm at the Gathering Place in Honor in conjunction with the National Coho Festival.



Vegas-style games including black jack, beat-the-dealer, roulette and poker will be offered along with a live auction of items donated by Benzie County Chamber members.

If you are interested in volunteering to help with this event, please contact the Chamber office.

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Who will be Awarded this Year's Business of the Year?

The announcement will be made in the next edition of the Chamber News and the winner will be recognized at our Annual Dinner being held on September 22nd at Crystal Mountain Resort & Spa beginning at 6pm.

Watch for your invitation to arrive in your mailbox.

Join us in Welcoming Our New Chamber Members

JJR Property Management

Jason Rusch
PO Box 5
Frankfort, Michigan 49635
231-871-0048

*Security Services/Systems
Snow Plowing*

*Construction/Remodeling
Painting Contractors & Services*

Strong Wind Arts

Greg Antoine & Valerie Allmon
1951 Benzie Highway
Benzonia, Michigan 49616
231-930-7315

Arts, Craft, Galleries

Harbor Hair Designs

Susan Bishop
1286 Frankfort Highway
Frankfort, Michigan 49635
231-352-4607

Beauty Shops, Salons

The following businesses have recently invested in our community through membership in the Benzie County Chamber of Commerce. These memberships were approved by the Chamber's Board at their last monthly meeting. We encourage you to patronize these fellow Chamber members.

Benzie County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors

Chairman

Art Jeannot
Platte Lake Resort II

Vice-Chairman

Timothy Young
Food for Thought

Secretary

Mary Hoyt
Century 21/Sleeping Bear Realty

Treasurer

Karen Irwin
Central State Bank

Past Chairperson

Betty Workman
Vacation Trailer Park &
Vacation Trailer Sales

Dave Boekeloo

Boekeloo Financial Services

J.B. Daugherty

Daugherty Law Offices

Lewis Geer

Gear It Up Communications, Inc.

Dennis Haugen

Dennis Haugen AIA, Architect

Gaylord Jowett

Jowett Family Funeral Home &
Cremation Services

Mary J. Lappan

Mary J. Lappan Designs & Drafting

Steve Loveless

State of the Art Framing & Gallery, Inc.

Dave Micinski

Benzie County Central Schools

Steve Nugent

Graceland Fruit Company

Anne Ritchards

A & J Coin Company

Doug Rodriguez

Frankfort Honor Building Supply

Sue Webber

Webber Insurance Agency

Linda Wood

Edward Jones

Kristin Hollenbeck

County Commissioners Representative



Northwest Michigan Regional Chamber Alliance

BENZIE CADILLAC CHARLEVOIX GAYLORD PETOSKEY TRAVERSE CITY

Budgets and Reforms have been the talk in Lansing for most of the month of July. Meetings on the Budget have been held all month with the Republicans, Democrats, and the Governors office. At this point no plans or action items have been introduced on the house or senate floors. While these discussions have been going on several ideas on how to move the state forward have been made public. The House Republicans released a plan that includes cuts and reforms. The plan called Moving Michigan Forward Investing In Our Future can be viewed at this web address www.gophouse.com/plan. The Speaker of the House Andy Dillon a Democrat, also released the first of what he says will be a series of reform plans. The plan is part of what is called New Ideas For Michigan and can be found at www.newideasformichigan.org. Budget discussions are scheduled to continue into August and I will continue to follow and notify you of any new plans or actions that are proposed or agreed upon. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at deyoung@tcchamber.org (231-995-7109).



Doug DeYoung
Director of Government Relations
Traverse City Area Chamber of Commerce
Northwest Michigan Regional Chamber Alliance



Showcased inside Jackleen's Gems is the distinctive hand-crafted jewelry and home accessories custom designed by Pat and Jackleen Carmack. Skilled in the art of lapidary, they design and cut their own gemstones without wasting any precious materials. Working as a team, their individual talents accent each other with services including custom designed jewelry, jewelry repair, professional pearl restringing, custom gemstone cutting, slab and polish stones, and on several occasions repairing eye glass frames with sodder.

Jackleen's Gems is celebrating their fifth year at the Clark Street storefront in downtown Beulah; phone number 231-882-2390 and 800-699-2390 toll-free. Visit www.jackleensgems.com for more information about their history and products. Hours of operations are Monday through Saturday 10am to 5pm.

Did you know?

Framed and hanging on the wall at Jackleen's Gem is the patent for the Comfort Hook registered in the "Earring Support Device" category. Jackleen Carmack's self-taught design was created to prevent hook earrings from slipping out of ear lobes.



Members Making Good News



Crystal Mountain Golf School has been recognized as one-third of Golf Digest's list of Best Teachers in the state of Michigan. Director of Junior Instruction and Development, Adam Schriber, Director of Golf, Brad Dean, and Director of Instruction Scott Wilson ranked second, third, and fifth on the list of Michigan's Top Teachers respectively. PGA Professional Ed Laprade was listed tenth and Crystal Mountain Head Professional Mike Cote ranked fifteen.

In partnership with the Manistee-Benzie Community Mental Health, the Benzie Drop In Center,



Michigan Rehabilitation Services, and MIWORKS has opened Northern Comfort next to the Roadhouse Mexican Bar & Grill in Benzonia. This store offers an opportunity to teach skills and work ethics necessary to prepare participants for employment in the community. All items are created by hand. For more information, please call 231-882-2171 or visit their location.

Carol's Communication Connection

In an ongoing effort to keep your Benzie County Chamber of Commerce membership information accurate and up to date, I will be calling each member over the next few months to make sure the information we have on file is "fresh" and accurate. I will also be informing or reminding you of the marketing and promotional opportunities and membership benefits that offer ways to make your membership more valuable. This will also be an excellent opportunity for us to learn of any new services, items or opportunity you have to offer. I look forward to connecting with each Chamber member personally. Talk to you soon!

Thanks for staying connected. If you'd like more information on specials or email blasts, please give me a call or send me an e-mail at chamber@benzie.org

Carol Garrett, Communications Coordinator,
Benzie County Chamber of Commerce



Chamber of Commerce

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Benzie County Chamber of Commerce
“2008 Outstanding Business of the Year”

Our Newest Bratwurst

Blue Cheese & Jalapeno

Rich flavor of Blue Cheese with a hint of Jalapeno

Owned and Operated by the Schneider Family



Copemish—18540 Cadillac Hwy
231-378-2440 copemishfamilymkt@acegroup.cc

Honor—10625 Main Street
231-325-3360 honorfamilymkt@centurytel.net

Store Hours
Monday-Thursday 9am-6pm ~ Friday & Saturday 9am-7pm
Sunday 9am-2pm

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Office Hours: Monday—Friday 9am—5pm
Saturday 10am—3pm

Kiwanis Club of Crystal Lake
WELCOME New Members/Businesses



Serving Benzie County since 1951
Meets 1st & 3rd Tuesday 6:00 PM at
Hungry Tummy Restaurant in Downtown Beulah
231-882-9959 eckhout@jackpine.com

A service club with a heart for children.

Please be our guest—Visit a meeting and learn more
about our service projects in Benzie!

Calendar

- August 19 Chamber Board of Directors Meeting at Mills Community House Lower Level 7:30 am
- August 22 Benzie Vegas Night at Gathering Place 6-9pm
- September 17 Business After Hours at Garden Theater 5-7pm
- September 22 Annual Dinner

Business counseling appointments are available on Thursdays with representatives of the Benzie County Economic Development Corporation in partnership with the Traverse Bay EDC. Call to schedule an appointment at the Chamber.

For a complete listing of Benzie County Chamber of Commerce and area community events, visit our web site at www.benzie.org.